

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Application No.: Continuation Application
of Serial No. 08/396,981,
filed March 1, 1995

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For: OPTICAL RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS FOR
OPTICAL DISKS WITH VARIOUS DISK SUBSTRATE THICKNESS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

After grant of a filing date, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before the first line, insert --This is a continuation of reissue application Serial
No. 08/396,981 filed March 1, 1995 which is a reissue of U.S. Patent No. 5,235,581.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 25-83, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims 84 and 85:

84. An optical recording/reproducing apparatus for recording, reproducing or erasing an
information signal onto/from any one of N types (where $N \geq 2$) of optical discs having
transparent substrates of different thicknesses, each type of said optical discs having at least said